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DEPUTY SECRETARY ROMINGER TO VISIT MAINE FOR FARM FORUM

WASHINGTON, March 30, 1998 -- Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Richard Rominger will travel to Maine on Friday, April 3 to meet with farmers about issues affecting production agriculture.

"It's been just over a year since we implemented the 96 Farm bill -- and the historic changes it brought to production agriculture. So, I believe this is an ideal time to meet with farmers and ranchers across the country and get their views on how the new program is working," Rominger said.

The Farm Forum will be held in Nutting Hall in the School of Forestry at the University of Maine at Orono. The forum will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will end at 2:30 p.m. The event is open to the public. There will be a brief media availability immediately following the forum.

Other USDA officials attending the forum include Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services Gus Schumacher and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Isi Siddiqui.

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